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IMPORTANT Event...



DON'T MISS THE GOLD COAST CAREERS EXPO

The 2006 Careers Expo will be bigger and better than ever! The event will now be staged at larger and more centrally located venue - Carrara Indoor

Stadium. In addition, the expo will expand to incorporate the Industry Opportunity Expo 2006, showcasing eight key industry sectors and their employment opportunities on the Gold Coast!

The eight key industry sectors presented are - Food, Environment, Health and Medical, ICT, Sport, Creative, Education and Marine. The expo provides an excellent opportunity to find out the latest info on further studies, training information or career opportunities in the key industry sectors on the coast. If you want to know how to apply for university, enrol for a TAFE course or find out the latest information on offer from our region's private providers, then you must visit the Gold Coast Careers EXPO. You will find everything you need under the one roof! Now in its 22nd year, the event has firmly established its reputation as one of the most comprehensive events of its kind in Queensland and best of all admission is free!!

WHEN: Sunday, 30 July 10am - 2.30pm &
Monday 31 July 2006 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

VENUE: Carrara Indoor Stadium

MORE INFO: <http://www.careersevent.com>

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The Queensland Certificate of Education for Current Year 10 Students

From 2006, students in Year 10 will work towards a new school qualification. It is the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The first QCEs will be awarded to eligible students in 2008.

To be eligible for a QCE, a student must be enrolled with a school and registered with the Queensland Studies Authority. For most students the QCE will be achieved over Years 11 and 12. Others may not achieve it until after they finish Year 12.

The total amount of learning required is at least twenty credits. This reflects an amount of learning that could be reasonably achieved by most young people over a two-year, full-time program of study in the Senior Phase of Learning.

What is a credit?

A credit is the minimum amount of learning at the set standard that can contribute to the QCE. A credit has two elements: an amount of learning and a

set standard. For example, a credit for a school subject is one semester (amount of learning) at Sound Achievement (set standard) or a credit for a certificate II qualification is 25% (amount of learning) of the competencies (set standard).

Some learning achievements will be recorded in the Learning Account but will not be a credit because they either do not have the required amount of learning or they do not meet the set standard. For example, a Very Limited Achievement in a school subject does not meet the set standard to be a credit.

New flexibility

The new qualification will recognise more learning options. Students can design a program of study to match their career goals. There is more flexibility in what, where and when learning occurs. Not all the learning need take place at school. Some learning can be with a registered training provider, in a workplace or with a community group.

The Senior Statement

The Senior Statement is an official record of all the learning achievements in a Learning Account. It details: what learning was attempted, the standard achieved, and where and when the learning took place. The QSA will issue the Senior Statement to young people who:

- have met the requirements for the Queensland Certificate of Education, or
- are attending a school, and have banked at least one achievement in their Learning Account, and are enrolled at a school until the prescribed date at the end of Year 12, or
- have completed a pattern of study which makes them OP eligible.

Confused or want to know more about the QCE? Come to the information evening on 24th July at 7pm.

Want to do Work Experience???????

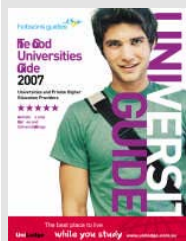
The benefits of undertaking work experience cannot be underestimated. You will find that prospective employers always highly value work experience, especially if it is related to the position you are applying for. Generic work experience can help you demonstrate that you possess the kinds of transferable skills that employers are seeking.

The benefits of work experience are:

- Give you practice in applying and interviewing for jobs
- Help you clarify your career options and aspirations
- Improve your resume
- Give you experience that you can discuss during interviews
- Provide great networking opportunities
- Lead to a job

If you are a King's student and would like to do work experience, you can get a "Find your own work experience" form from Mrs Wood (Careers Coordinator), organise the work experience yourself, fill out the form and hand back to Mrs Wood. She will contact the host work experience provider and fill out an official document called a "Form C". The best time to do Work Experience is during the school holidays.

Resources for Students and Parents



The Good University Guide contains 5 star ratings of Australian undergraduate degrees and their courses. These are based on student exit surveys and thus are unbiased.



The 2006 Job Guide QLD is a career planning tool for students looking for general career information. These two books can be purchased online www.thegoodguides.com.au All year 10 students will be given

The QTAC 2007 Tertiary Course Guide has now been given to all year 12 students. They will need this booklet when applying for University or TAFE this year.

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USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITE

www.cis.qsa.qld.edu.au contains information on: occupations, the QCE, getting a job, what is a career, news and events, information for parents and carers.

A Quick Guide to School-based New Apprenticeships

School-based New Apprenticeships and Traineeships are available to students in their post-compulsory school years (usually years 11 and 12) and allow the student to complete a Senior Certificate while at the same time undertaking nationally accredited vocational educational and training in an industry area of their choice.

School-based apprentices and trainees: are paid for their productive work & undergo competency

based training on the job and/or off the job at a TAFE institute, a private training organisation or a school as part of their school curriculum. A school-based traineeship could be complete in the two years of senior schooling. A school-based apprenticeship would continue after the student completes Year 12.

For a school-based arrangement to be created, students must have the support of their employer, the school, a supervising registered

training organisation and their parents/carers when negotiating the Education, Training and Employment Schedule.

If you would like to do a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship or gain more information, please contact the Careers Coordinator Mrs Wood on (07) 5593 4600 or on the website www.newapprenticeships.gov.au

STRESSED OUT???

In the final years of school, there are many new pressures students have to deal with. Examinations, assessment tasks, continuous study, decisions about your future, and expectations about your performance. All of these can accumulate and become too much. So how can you make sure that you manage all these different things without becoming a stress-head?

The key is to pace yourself. Don't try to do everything at once, or leave it all to the last minute—that's a sure way to fail. Instead, set yourself some goals. These can be short term (what do I need to do tonight?), medium term (what study will I do this week?) or long term (what do I need to achieve this month?) Try using a combination of these. By breaking the year up into smaller pieces like this it becomes more manageable and you won't become overwhelmed.

QLD Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University

Students who are interested in studying at the Queensland Conservatorium will be required to audition. For information on the audition and application process, please contact:

Student Administration: Telephone: (07) 3735 6287 Email: qcg_u_enquiry@griffith.edu.au

International Students

Tertiary Expo 14 July 06 10am—4pm Brisbane

City Hall. King's International Students will be catching the train from Robina Train Station at 10am bring money for the train fare.

Volunteering

If you would like to become a volunteer or find out more about the benefits of volunteering go to www.volunteeraustralia.org

Journalism

Are you interested in a career in journalism? If so, there is an opportunity for you to experience the Who, What, When and Where of writing for a newspaper. The Bulletin newspaper has a program called the TXT4U Student Reporter Program which is designed to give students the opportunity to get the story, find the angle and report on it. For more info, contact Karen Graham (07) 5584 2167 or grahamk@gcb.newsltd.com.au

Scholarships

Universities and TAFE often manage and endorse a number of scholarships for undergraduate students. Scholarships are often one of the best ways to help you get started. However, students often think that scholarships are only available to "SMART PEOPLE". This is often untrue and many scholarships go unclaimed due to not enough applicants.

DID YOU KNOW...

Bond University has a new Corporate Scholarship Program Starting in 2007. Also, Griffith is offering 70 prestigious [Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships](#) to outstanding students. The scheme is one of Australia's most comprehensive, generous and flexible scholarship programs for academic excellence. Are you aware that UQ has a whole range of accommodation scholarships available to help get you set up in Brisbane!!!

TAFE has a direct entry program that can guarantee you a place in a Diploma program based on your vocational studies and industry experience—no OP or rank is required!!

There are many, many more scholarships available. Universities and TAFE have their own website with information regarding the range of scholarships available. It doesn't hurt to apply—you have to be in it to win it!!!

Calendar of Career Events



Term 3

Date	Event
July 1 st	Defence Force Recruiting – Scholarship applications open
July 14 th 10am – 4pm	International Students Tertiary Entrance Expo – Brisbane City Hall
July 16 th 9am – 2pm	Griffith University Open Day (all campuses)
July 22-23 rd 10am – 4pm	TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) Exhibition Building RNA Showgrounds
July 26 th	Australian Catholic University – Open Night
July 30 th 10-2.30pm & 31 st 9.30-1.30pm	Gold Coast Careers Expo (Carrara Indoor Stadium)
July 30 th 9am – 3pm	QUT Course and Careers Day - Gardens Point campus
July 31 st	Bond University - Scholarship application close date
August 2 nd	Central Queensland University - Rockhampton – Open Day
August 6 th	University of Southern Queensland - Wide Bay campus – Open Day
August 6 th	UQ Open Day
August 7 th	UQ Postgraduate Expo
August 12 th 10am – 4pm	QANTM – Open Day
August 13 th	University of Southern Queensland - Springfield campus- Open Day
August 20 th	University of Southern Queensland - Toowoomba campus – Open Day
August 20 th	Bond University Open Day
August 17 th 9.30am – 4pm	“Be Constructive” Building and Construction Expo
August 20 th 10am - 3pm	University of the Sunshine Coast - Courses for Careers Day
August 23 rd 11am-3pm and 4-6pm	Adult Tertiary Entrance Expo - Brisbane City Hall
August 26 th 10am – 2pm	Christian Heritage College Open Day
August 27 th	James Cook University – Discovery Day - Cairns
August 31 st 7am - 9pm	QUT - Parents' Information Evening Gardens Point campus
September 4 th	Bond University - Student for a Semester Start Date
September 5 th & 6 th	QCS Test
September 7 th 7am - 9pm	QUT - Parents' Information Evening - Kelvin Grove campus
September 8 th	University of New England – Open Day
September 9 th 8.30am – 4.30pm	QANTM – “Study with QANTM for a Day” (Cost \$40)
September 19 th 12 noon-7pm	Brisbane MBA and Postgrad Expo - Hilton Hotel, Brisbane
September 31 st	QTAC – Cut off date for QTAC applications

* Please note this calendar is to be used as a guide; dates may change and events may be added.